



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tomoaki HATTORI

Group Art Unit: 2861

Application No.: 10/642,205

Examiner: H. TRAN

Filed: August 18, 2003

Docket No.: 116878

For: TANDEM IMAGE FORMING DEVICE WITH REDUCED FOOTPRINT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 26, 2005 Office Action, and further to the personal interview conducted February 24, 2006, the period for reply being effectively extended to February 27, 2006, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**